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Fumihiko Watanabe *et al*

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Examiner: S. Barts

For: SULFONATED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND METALLOPROTEINASE
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is a response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2000. The Action rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on U.S. Patent No. 5,756,545 ("the '545 patent") and requested a certified English translation of PCT/JP97/00126. Applicants have already filed a certified English translation of PCT/JP97/00126, as well as certified English translations of the priority applications JP-30082/96 and JP-213555/96. These certified English translations were filed together with applicants' request for interference and Showing under Rule 608 on May 20, 1999, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of applicants' filing receipt card, which is date-stamped by the PTO. Should the Examiner need new copies of any of these translations, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 202-672-5569.

Also, applicants previously pointed out in their Showing under Rule 608 where the instant claims find support in JP-30082/96, so that they are entitled to an effective filing date of January 23, 1996. A copy of the Showing under Rule 608 filed on May 20, 1999 is also enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that the present claims are allowable and complete for entry into interference with U.S. Patent No. 5,756,545. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Barts is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Request For Interference Under Rule 607 filed herewith, applicants submit the following statement pursuant to Rule 608(a).

Applicants are entitled to an effective filing date of January 23, 1996, the filing date of the Japanese priority application 30082/96. A certified translation of the priority application is enclosed as Appendix 1. Also enclosed is a certified translation of PCT/JP97/00126, from which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120. The PCT supports the claims as does the instant 09/120,383 application and as set forth in the Rule 607 request. The claims are supported throughout the Japanese Priority document, for example, by claims 1, 7 and 14, and page 9, first full paragraph of the priority document. Thus, the instant application is entitled to the January 23, 1996 filing date.

The effective filing date of U.S. Patent 5,756,546 is its U.S. filing date of April 12, 1997.

Since applicants' effective filing date of January 23, 1996 is earlier than the April 12, 1997 effective filing date of the patent, applicants are *prima facie* entitled to a judgement

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relative to the patentee. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that an interference be declared.

Moreover, because applicants have an earlier effective filing date, they should be designated as senior party in the interference.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

May 14, 1999

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